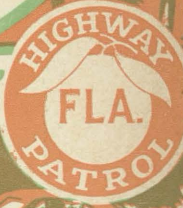


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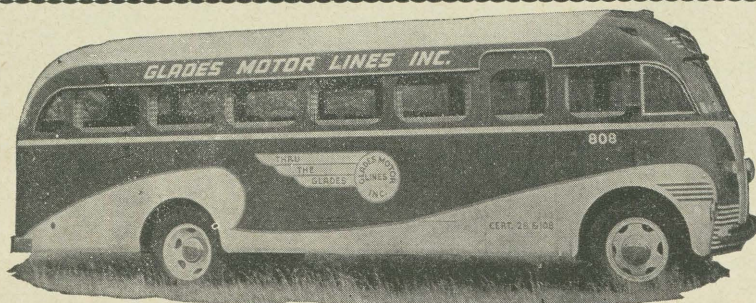
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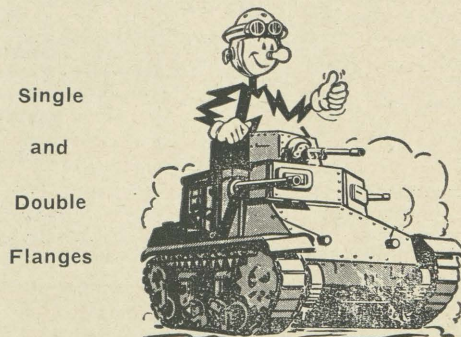
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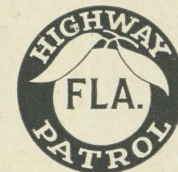
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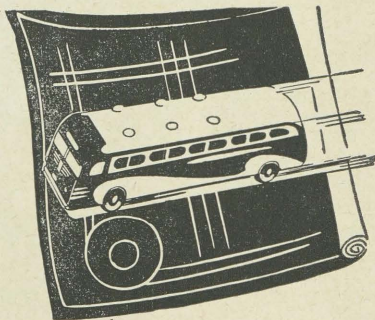
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EDITORIALS

If We But Work

By G. G. WARE

EDITOR'S NOTE—Florida Highways is happy to present as its guest editorial writer for this month Mr. G. G. Ware, president of The First National Bank of Leesburg, who is author of *Straws In The Wind*, occasional publication which is sent by his bank mostly to out-of-State owners of property in Lake County. His last "George Ware's Page" was so good that we asked him if we could not reproduce it as the October editorial in this magazine.

A FEW WEEKS ago Secretary Ickes gave out an estimate that the present "value" of the United States is 12 trillion dollars. (One trillion dollars is a thousand billion dollars. It is said that this war will cost from one-fourth to one-third of a trillion dollars.) If Mr. Ickes' estimate is correct, and I have no thought of questioning it, let us ponder how much more this country was worth, in natural resources, before the white man came to it and dug up and used the iron, gold and silver, pumped the oil and destroyed the forests. Let us try to form a mental picture of how much the Indians were worth—on a per capita basis—and then let us remember how they used that immense "wealth." How much was that boatload of Pilgrim Fathers worth—on a per capita basis—when they landed and took charge of this new country?

How much we are worth or our country is worth is, after all, a matter of opinion and that opinion experiences wide fluctuations in almost every season.

The Indian had no thought of dollars, or acres, social security; no stocks and war bonds, no life insurance. He cared nothing about taxes, or interest or isms. And yet, think about how much he was "worth" under Secretary Ickes' estimate of "worth."

If the white man had not come, this country would still be pretty much as it was in 1492. The natural resources would still be untouched. The buffalo and bison would still roam. The oil and iron would still be in the ground, and insofar as the Indian would be concerned, there would be no value except in the game he could kill and a few hand-made trinkets. The myriads of things we now estimate as value would still be unheard of.

If we stopped work and lived as the Indians lived, all that we now count as "value" would return to "sleep." It's work that does the trick.

There is no way to divide and live on what has already been created. We cannot have "Every man a King." To try it would make "Every man an Indian."

We are concerned about inflation. It has happened. It can happen again. Each time it has happened work cured it, and work can prevent it now.

Some months ago I quoted here Mr. Robert Woodruff, chairman of the Coca-Cola Company, on this topic of work. I quote him again:

"When the Southern soldiers reached home after the War Between the States, they found their currency valueless, their property gone, their way of life destroyed. In those hard circumstances, some went to pieces; other drifted to foreign countries; a few chose the easy way out.

"But most of them just took off their army coats and went to work. And that, it seems to me, is the story—and the salvation—of this country. There have always been enough people willing to see us through our crises by taking off their coats and going to work. This Nation has WORKED out of its troubles. Today, in another darkening hour, it is learning again that its greatest need is just to get down to work.

"Our forebears were not just accustomed and reconciled to toil. They were incurably industrious. Woodsmen and farmers, shopkeepers and industrialists, they hunted work—and they found it or they made it. That has been our National character. The Pilgrims celebrated that first Thanksgiving because they had labored to produce a crop that would see them through the winter, whether a supply ship came or not. Out of the spinning wheel grew whirring mills. The narrow trails of pioneers are now broad highways. Fitted stones have become the towers of skyscrapers. By rivet and girder, by motor and dynamo, by forge and crane, great cities and huge industries have risen on the firm foundations of human effort.

"Some people have always believed that we can stop creating and live upon what has already been made. Fortunately, though, the wastrels and the drones, and the exploiters, too, have been no more than minor impediments in the current of progress.

"The real wealth of this country isn't in the gains already made. It lies in the limitless values still to be established; in substances yet to be dug from the earth, drawn from the sea, taken from the forests; in scientific discoveries still to come from the laboratories; in the growth of businesses that demonstrate, by management and production an ability to foster the common wealth. In developing these values there is no substitute for work.

"Many of us have misgivings about the future. Conditions do appear disturbing. But for 6,000 years people have been seeing civilization on a brink which it has never quite tumbled over.

"I don't think it will now. There are enough workmen in the United States to prevent it. I mean makers and doers of work, and I mean work with hand or mind."

Our soldiers returning from this war will not find conditions like the Southern soldiers found when they returned home from the War Between the States. Our soldiers will find their homes undamaged, their currency with value and in abundance, their way of life flowing in its accustomed stream.

They will find many new factories have been built; none have been destroyed. They will find there is a terrific backlog of human wants to be filled; they will find there is more money than ever before and more know-how than ever before. When the time comes that we can go back to making and having civilian goods, we should be able to have almost anything we want. That is, if we work and do not muffle our opportunities.

But do not expect it to be all clear sailing. Keep in mind how much our economic weather is like our other weather. It blows hot and cold—wet and dry—stormy and clear. There are tornadoes, cyclones and heat prostrations. But always it balances out—the sun shines again—the birds sing—flowers bloom—fish bite, and life again flows in its accustomed stream—if we but work.

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ALMOST EVERY newspaper in the State has rallied to the support of the Orlando Sentinel and other Orange County and central Florida newspapers in their fight against the hijacking of labor out of Florida by northern manufacturing concerns. They have made such a "stink" over the recruiting of over 400 Orange County laborers that it is unlikely that the War Manpower Commission will ever permit such an outrage again.

Typical of the support is the following excerpt from an editorial in the Tampa Times:

"Florida needs all the labor it has to carry on work that is vital to war needs. For the WMC to assist in labor movements of this sort without consultation with State officials is hardly the way to get cooperation of the kind for which Commissioner McNutt and his regional and area directors are constantly appealing. Cooperation works both ways or it does not work at all."

The Lakeland Ledger says:

"If these were normal times, there would not be such a sound basis for protesting the shifting of labor from one spot to another. But Washington has assumed the responsibility of placing hundreds of thousands of American young men overseas and is under strict obligation to keep the home front solid and production as much as it is possible to keep it that way.

"We are none of us free Americans now. We are beholden to our men on the fronts. We are having to forego many of our peacetime privileges. Our freedom is in escrow. We are to get it back on condition that we defeat the Axis. That is the agreements we have made with ourselves.

"Some sort of systematic and reasonable control over manpower on the home front is as essential as control of manpower for the battle fronts. We can't regiment nearly 10,000,000 troops without resorting to a good measure of regimentation of civilians.

"Governor Holland is entirely in order as he seeks to stop the general exodus of workers from Florida at a time when more labor is needed in many of the State's essential industries. The labor shortage is becoming too acute for haphazard shifting of workers."

After steps were taken by State officials, the Orlando Sentinel, which started the fight against the labor hijacking, said:

"What we do think is that before this matter is ended both the labor agents and the Federal authorities are going to find this a pretty hot potato and we hope it burns their fingers sufficiently to make them drop such potatoes in the future.

"We are fully behind the law enforcement officials in this matter and we hope the laws will be sustained and the transgressors punished in whatever manner is most likely to discourage any further offenses of this kind."

Collecting County Taxes

(Tampa Tribune)

FLORIDA COUNTIES have opened up a new front of their own—a tax collecting front. That they have done it with remarkable success is indicated by State Comptroller Lee's report showing that real estate tax collections throughout the entire State have reached unprecedented records.

According to this report, at least four counties have collected 100 percent of current county realty taxes. In addition, a majority of the remaining counties have perfect or almost perfect collection records on personal and intangible taxes.

Bradford, Collier, Gulf and Union are listed as the 100 percent counties. Equally meritorious, considering their size and total tax rolls, are the figures for Hillsborough and Dade Counties. Both have less than one percent delinquency on current real estate taxes. In all of the 53 counties which have reported thus far, only one county reveals a delinquency as much as five percent.

This report refutes the loud cry among some politicians and tax dodgers that it "can't be done." The new Holland tax program, plus improved collection methods by county officials and better economic conditions, show that Florida can be lifted out of the tax delinquency doldrums. Florida's tax collecting front is marching now and there is every indication it should attack with more vigor in the future.

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Means Something

FREEDING OF THE Gandy Bridge and the Davis Causeway, a movement which is becoming increasingly likely since Secretary Knox has certified it as essential to the war effort, means much to the development of St. Petersburg and that area of the Gulf Coast, according to the St. Petersburg Independent. Says the Independent:

"The development of St. Petersburg has been phenomenal, particularly in view of the handicaps it labored under. Almost purely a resort city, it lacked the stimulus to growth provided by industries. Its isolation from a transportation standpoint helped keep tourists and industries out.

"When the bridges were built, almost two decades ago, they represented progress in reducing St. Petersburg's isolation. A toll bridge is better than no bridge at all. But as toll bridges they have been a barrier to further progress.

"If tolls are eliminated, that will be only a single step in the long struggle to create an 'Open Door policy' for St. Petersburg. Building the bridges, as we have pointed out, was another such step. Bringing in first one railroad and then a second were two others. Creation of a small port (which has now

been lost to the government) was another.

"Next to freeing the bridges, the most immediate advance along this front will be completion of the Gulf Coast highway to St. Petersburg, enabling motorists from States west of the Atlantic seaboard to reach here without making a wide detour.

"Further in the future are two important steps. One is breaking the bottleneck south of the city by establishing closer connections with the Florida west coast south of Tampa Bay. The other is establishing a new port of St. Petersburg near Pinellas Point to replace the one taken over by the Maritime school, Navy, and Coast Guard, which will lower the rate structure here and provide transportation facilities that will stimulate a moderate amount of industrial growth.

"Free bridges and the Gulf Coast highway come first, and we cannot afford to relax until we actually have them. The other two advances will have excellent prospects if they are pushed as post-war developments, and we cannot afford to let any grass grow under our feet."

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Florida's Parole Record

(Atlanta Journal)

FLORIDA'S PAROLE commission, which has been functioning only 18 months, is making a record of useful accomplishment of which it may well be proud. It has freed 896 prisoners on parole and only 25 of them have been returned for violating the terms of release.

Those who have been liberated have earned wages of more than \$750,000 in private employment and have supported about 1,500 dependents who otherwise might have become the wards of charity.

Much of the success of the system is attributed to the systematic supervision of those released on parole. Governor Spessard Holland told the commission the other day: "You have captured the public confidence by your good work. By careful performance of every task you will retain that confidence in the critical times that are ahead in your work."

Georgia's new deal in clemency is just getting under way. A fine start has been made and the results should be no less satisfying to good citizenship than those achieved in Florida. Our commission, however, must have the alert and strong support of public opinion. Efforts to discredit it and defeat its purpose will not cease, for in abolishing the pardon racket a source of fat income for many politicians has been dried up.

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Something New

COLONEL CLEARWATER of the Clearwater Sun, who takes delight in address-

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One of the best bathing beaches to be found on any military reservation in the country is available to trainees at Camp Blanding. Kingsley Lake, almost circular, nestles on the western boundaries of the camp. —U. S. Army Photo

Blanding, Florida's 4th City . . .

THE STORY of Camp Blanding is like the magic of a city springing up in the wilderness at the crossroads of two pioneer wagon trains.

From a forest of underbrush and scrub oak surrounding a lake came into being Florida's fourth largest city — Camp Blanding, named for Major General Albert H. Blanding, formerly commanding general of the 31st "Dixie" Division, and a one-time head of the Army's National Guard Bureau.

Purchased in 1939 to accommodate the Florida National Guard during summer training, the camp expanded into a training site capable of holding divisional and varied tactical and service units after the 31st Division was ordered to active duty for a year.

From a wilderness it has grown into a training center with the finest beach facilities of any army post as its main attraction for off-duty recreation.

The expansion of the station hos-

2d Lt. Leon S. Theil, AUS

Public Relations Officer
Camp Blanding, Florida

pital, originally having 25 beds to the 2,800-bed modern-equipped organization of today, is typical of the growth of the entire camp. A peak population of 21,000 laborers with a monthly payroll of \$2,500,000 made nearby Starke, with a normal population of 1,500 reel under the pressure of providing living quarters during the early months in 1941.

Today, Camp Commander Brigadier General L. A. Kunzig can survey a thriving metropolis of war complete with every facility to be found in a modern city.

In addition to the fire department, telephone and telegraph service, police force, sewage disposal plants, numerous huge warehouses, a water supply system, and a complete railroad system including roundhouses,

the "city" includes a huge artillery range, a drill and minor problems area of thousands of acres, an infantry firing range, myriad obstacle courses, modern tactical training courses, and a general maneuvers area extending a lengthy distance inland from the post lakefront area.

On the other hand, the Blanding community includes 23 chapels, an open-air theatre, eight War Department movie houses, many Post Exchanges, four guest houses, four service clubs with libraries and cafeterias, three large and many small officers' clubs, numerous noncommissioned officers' clubs, recreation halls and company "day-rooms" for rest and recreation.

Kingsley Lake, long a summer resort noted for swimming and fishing has come to be dotted with amphibian jeeps and landing boats, approximating conditions that will face the troops training for future battles. But in leisure hours, sails of pleasure craft are unfurled and white, sandy



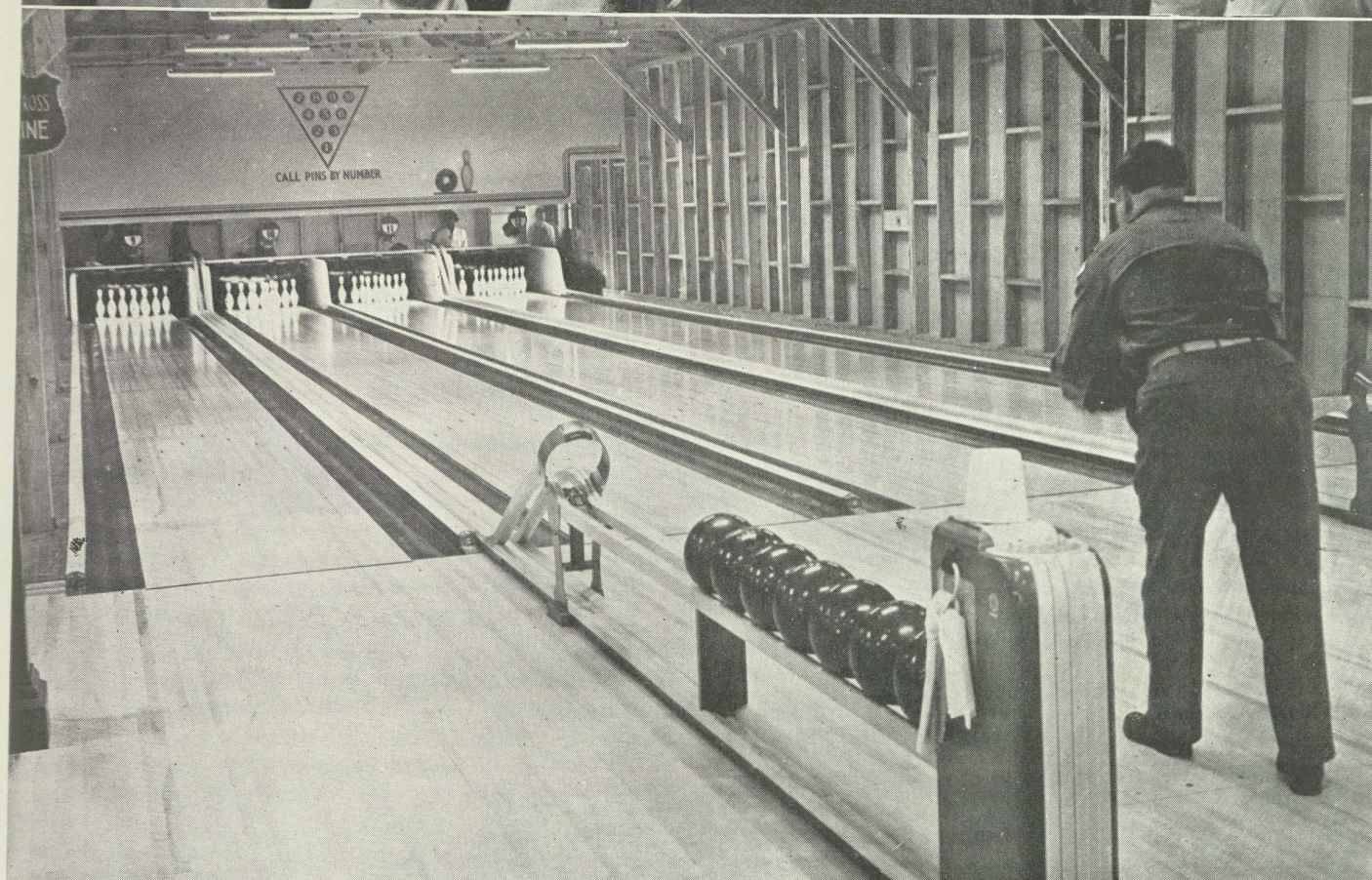
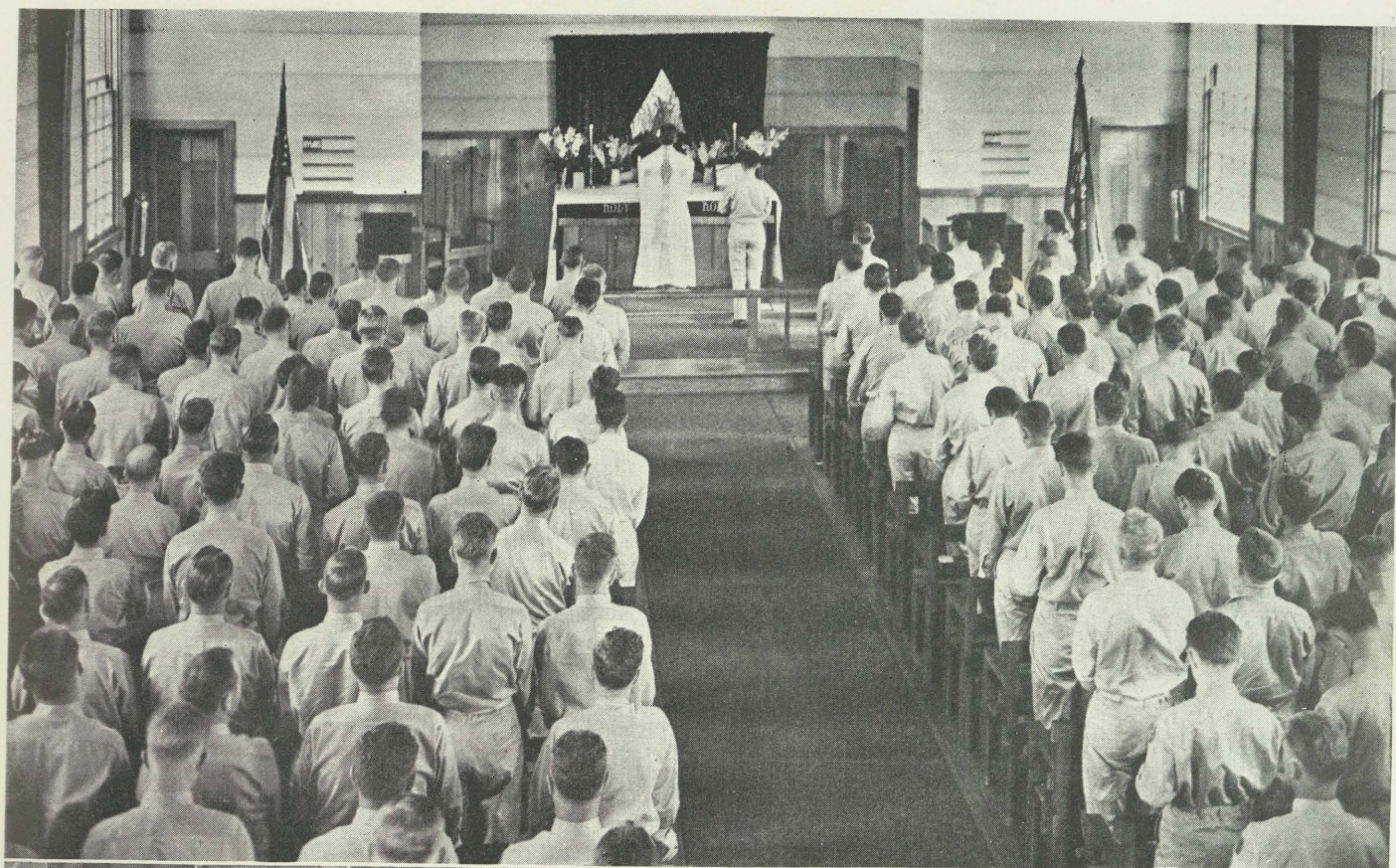
—U. S. Army Photo

Troops (top) making beachhead landing from barges. General water safety, the art of swimming and other aids to soldier ability are given ample time in the training program at Camp Blanding.

Medical soldiers (left bottom) are on hand wherever training units are at work. Minor injuries are treated at battalion aid stations. Right, field telephone communication is one of the important functions of the Signal Corps in field training. Here is a field switchboard unit vital to the control of troop movements.



Top (left) communications is the lifeline of combat units. Here is a field radio unit in operation; right, machine gun advancing under simulated fire. Center (left) teaching soldiers to take advantage of natural cover; right, orientation is included in training—troops learn how to read maps. Bottom (left) troops at mortar emplacement take time off for lunch; right, troops utilizing natural cover with little exposed to the enemy.
—U. S. Army Photo



—U. S. Army Photo

Religious worship is available at Camp Blanding for all creeds. Here (top) is Catholic mass being observed in one of the camp's chapels which number over a score. Thousands of soldiers attend services weekly.

Bowling is popular at Camp Blanding where alleys, as shown above, are available to troops. Twelve alleys are housed in two buildings and many devotees of the sport find relaxation here with the finest equipment.



The WAC's have a detachment at Camp Blanding. They do much of their own work, hauling supplies, food, etc. Here a truckload of chow is being delivered to the WAC mess hall.
—U. S. Army Photo

beaches are filled with sunbathers and swimmers.

The recruiting and induction station for the Army, Navy, Coast Guard and Marines handles a steady stream of hundreds of men daily from the 100-odd Selective Service boards throughout the State. The reception centers handle white and colored selectees awaiting their initial assignment, with a capacity in the thousands.

In addition to all this, Camp Blanding employs approximately 4,000 civilians. Some are housed in the seven dormitories complete with mess halls on the post, others commute from nearby Starke, Jacksonville, Green Cove Springs and Gainesville.

The site for Camp Blanding was purchased in 1939 for the summer training of the Florida National Guard after the Navy Department, with the approval of the State Armory Board, had bought the site of Camp Foster, the latter, for many years the summer encampment of the National Guard, became a Naval Training Station.

In August 1940, the site of Camp

Blanding was recommended as being capable of accommodating National Guard divisions and other units for training purposes. While the matter of establishing a camp site was still under consideration, the turn of the war abroad led the War Department to call out certain National Guard units for a year of training.

During that month, Major Robert Johnson, constructing quartermaster at MacDill Field, Tampa, started a topographic survey. Major Leander Larson was designated Construction Quartermaster late in August 1940, and work on Camp Blanding was soon under way.

On September 10, 1940, a letter of instruction was issued at Ft. Bragg, N. C., directing that certain military personnel proceed to Camp Blanding, Florida.

Major R. R. Raymond, a field artillery officer, was designated as the first Camp Commander, with other personnel consisting of one medical officer, one field artillery battery with three officers, with other detachments consisting of a quartermaster platoon with one officer, an ambulance, a staff sergeant and six clerks. Two

enlisted men of the Medical Department were also detailed.

This formed the base for the U. S. Army at Camp Blanding, which was activated by order of Major Raymond on September 14, 1940.

The first contingents of a National Guard division comprised of soldiers from Alabama, Florida, Louisiana and Mississippi, arrived shortly before Christmas. On January 27, 1941, Major General John J. Persons, commanding general of the division as senior officer then on the post, became camp commander. He was succeeded by Major General Morris B. Payne, commander of another National Guard division who ranked as his senior, when the latter arrived with his unit.

In order that division commanders could be relieved of the many pressing administrative duties of camp commander and devote their entire time to training of their units, the War Department later made command of the post a separate duty under the Service Command.

On June 30, 1941, Col. L. A. Kunzig, now a brigadier general was
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CAPITAL CHATTER . . .

LINEAL DESCENDANTS of members of the Confederate Army will profit from Florida's fund set up for the Confederate Soldiers and Sailors Home, Jacksonville, recently closed because there were no inmates. The fund will be used to supply scholarships to descendants in the Florida State College for Women. They amount to \$150 annually.

■ Dr. E. M. Anderson, associate horticulturist of the Florida Experiment Station, Gainesville, has been appointed to research work in watermelons, grapes and Sea Island cotton. Work will be done at the Leesburg laboratory.

■ Tallahassee is still talking about the Camp Gordon Johnston bus driver who reported that he had seen, and kicked out of the road, a hippopotamus near the Panacea outpost. If it was a hippo, it is argued, it escaped from a circus which recently visited the capital and is not native of the Wakulla veldt.

■ Mrs. Mayme R. Smith has succeeded Miss Olga Kent, transferred to Palm Beach County, as demonstration agent in Broward County. Mrs. Alyne C. Health succeeds Mrs. Bonnie J. Carter, now with the emergency labor program as Jackson home demonstration agent. Mrs. Francis J. Jones replaces Mrs. Essa D. Shaw, transferred to Pasco County as Levy home demonstration agent. The appointments were announced by Miss Mary E. Keown, State home demonstration agent, after approval by the State Board of Control.

■ Comp. J. M. Lee is sporting a mustache, the result of constant nicking of his upper lip while shaving. It's becoming, so some say.

■ G. H. Blackmon, State experiment station horticulturist is authority for the statement that Florida's 1943 pecan crop will outdo last year's. The gain will be due to a much heavier crop in the western area, while from Columbia County eastward the crop will be generally lighter.

■ Atty. Gen. Tom Watson has ruled against a bill asking for payment for the slaughter of tick-infested deer in Polk County during the eradicating program of 1933-37. He said the bill authorizing the slaughter did not apply to Polk County, although it did specify Orange, Osceola, Highlands and Glades Counties.

■ L. M. White, formerly manager of the Starke market has been named manager of the Titusville State market.

■ A citizen may hold two public jobs providing one of them is as a notary, militia officer, county school officer or commissioner of deeds, according to ruling of the attorney general.

■ Marie Hoover, blind girl in the capitol soft drink stand, has been the victim of the meanest man. He passed her a counterfeit

coin and received change while she was busy arranging drinks in the ice box.

■ W. T. Cash, State librarian recently confessed to having been an adventurer in the not-too-far-distant past. He once explored the depths of a Lafayette County sink hole in search of reported buried treasure. After several days of grappling in the water, he and his friends returned to town empty-handed.

■ Florida beef is equal in every respect to Western meat, according to Nathan Mayo, commissioner of agriculture, who is urging that Florida people eat more of it. Florida's last cattle census gave the State 1,987,414 head.

■ "Charm, modesty, culture, goodness are the windows of your soul. Whether you are rattling a typewriter or rocking a cradle, whether you are a WAC or a welder, still be a woman. Keep sweet." This was the advice of U. S. Circuit Judge Curtis L. Waller to the graduating class of the Florida State College for Women summer school.

■ Colin English, State superintendent of public instruction has certified to Comptroller Lee an apportionment of \$12,265,984 for the teachers' salary fund for 1943-44 compared to \$12,646,612 for 1942-43. The \$380,628 saving is due to a reduction in enrollment last year.

■ Liquor sales in the State in August dropped sharply under July but tax collections still were 9.5 percent above August of last year, according to report of Edgar W. Scarborough, State beverage director. Collections for the month totaled \$622,608 compared to \$568,208 for August 1942. For the first two months of the fiscal year the receipts have amounted to \$1,284,099. Cigarette tax for the two months totaled \$1,112,092.

■ One ballot, containing the names of all candidates, county, State and National will be sent to voters who are members of the armed forces, says Secretary of State R. A. Gray. He has already received requests for ballots from more than 1,000 service men and women.

■ Paul Kickliter has been reappointed by Governor Holland as judge of the Hillsborough County juvenile court.

■ State Treasurer Ed Larson has been elected treasurer of the National Association of Securities Commissioners in its convention in Cincinnati.

■ George L. Burr, Jr., executive director of the State Defense Council, is urging defense councils to undertake to coordinate programs to protect youth of the State from detrimental influences arising from the impact of war conditions. Millard Davidson, Marianna, is State chairman of the defense council youth security program.

■ Circuit Judge Richard H. Hunt, Miami, has been granted leave of absence for the

period of his military service. He has been recalled to the Navy as lieutenant commander.

■ Second installment of the payment to counties of State funds to make up for funds lost due to the suspension of horse racing in the State went forward on September 3. Each county received \$5,000, bringing to \$15,000 the amount each county has received since the 1943 legislature enacted the cigarette tax. The final payment of \$4,200 will be made the latter part of this month.

■ Twenty-five of the State legislature's typewriters have gone to war. The cabinet agreed to the sale of them to the government after agreement of the heads of the two legislative houses.

■ J. D. Carroll, Pensacola, has been appointed to the State Welfare Board.

■ State School Superintendent Colin English and Chairman Boyce A. Williams of the industrial commission have been delegated to enforce State laws regarding school attendance and child labor. Law requires certificates for all children working and no child under 14 can leave school for any reason.

■ Thomas Moran's painting of Ponce de Leon's treaty with the Indians which was completed in 1878 has been accepted by the State cabinet from a group of Miami and Coral Gables citizens. It will be hung in the capitol.

FLORIDA CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES HIGH

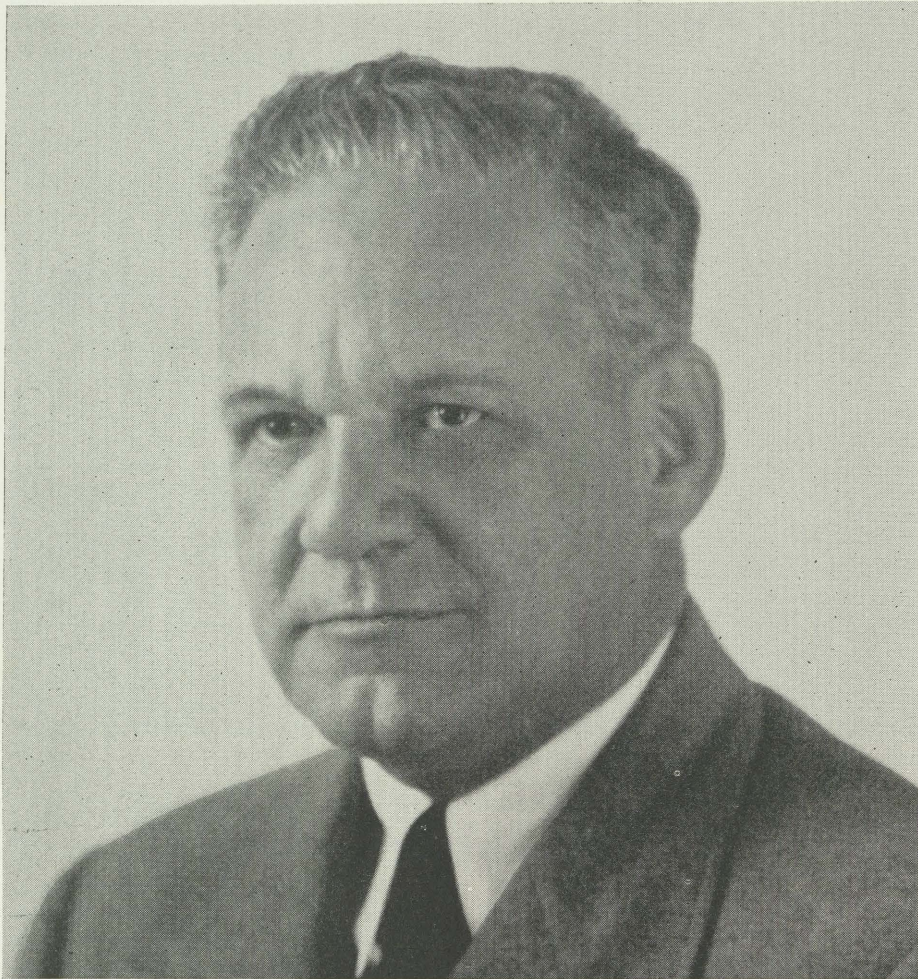
Construction in Florida continues at an unexpectedly high level, the research division of the Florida State Chamber of Commerce reports. Award of contracts in excess of \$17,000,000 during August brought the total for the first eight months of 1943 to \$143,000,000.

While total 1943 construction is 33 percent below that of the same period in 1942, it is higher than for any other year since 1926, registering gains of 77 percent over the comparable period in 1941 and 17 percent over 1940.

As has been the case since early in 1942, public construction, including installations for the armed forces, accounted for 95 percent of the 1943 volume for a total of \$135,000,000. Private construction has averaged only \$950,000 per month during the year, compared with a monthly average of more than \$4,500,000 in 1941.

Maintenance of high construction volume in Florida is running counter to the trend in other Southern States: Construction volume in sixteen Southern States for the first eight months of 1943 was 63 percent under the same period of 1942, compared with the decline in Florida of only 33 percent. Complete figures on National construction for the same period were not yet available, but preliminary estimates place the National decline at about 35 percent. Maintenance of Florida construction volume is largely attributable to continued expansion of the numerous army and navy air forces facilities in the State, the review concluded.

Preparing For Post-War Florida . . .



COURTNEY CAMPBELL
Food Machinery Corporation, Dunedin
Chairman

FLORIDA'S WAR PLANTS are not going to be junked after the war if the New Industries Advisory Division of the Florida State Chamber of Commerce can do anything about it. And this division has already signaled full speed ahead under the able guidance of Courtney Campbell, vice president of the Food Machinery Corporation, Dunedin, chairman, and Earl M. DeNoon of the South Florida Test Service, Miami, vice chairman.

The New Industries Advisory Division probably constitutes the greatest array of industrial talent ever assembled in the State and its organization by Harold Colee, executive vice president of the State chamber, forecasts a bright future for industrial development in Florida. No branch of industrial expansion has been missed in the appointment of its members and any concern desiring information as to Florida industrial possibilities will find at least one among the division membership capable of providing expert advice.

The membership of the division follows:

Chairman—Courtney Campbell, vice president, Food Machinery Corporation, Dunedin.

Vice chairman—Earl M. DeNoon, South Florida Test Service, Miami.

Members:

W. M. Palmer, president, Dixie Lime Products, Inc., Ocala.

Frank M. Traynor, vice president, Florida Portland Cement Co., Tampa.

Richard Holzcher, chemical engineer, Lake Wales.

Dr. Robert F. James, director of laboratories, Citrus Concentrates, Inc., Dunedin.

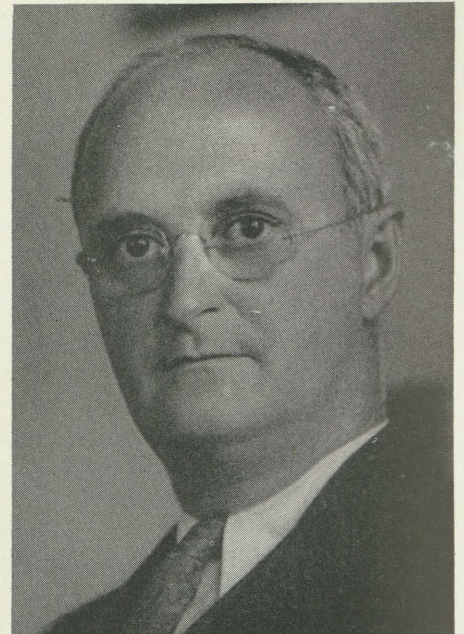
Charles Short, mechanical engineer, The



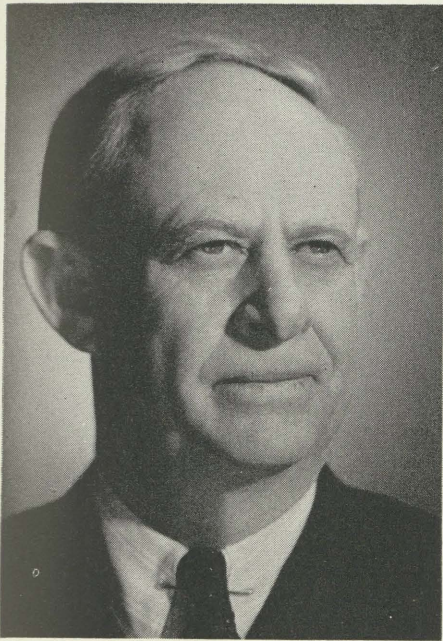
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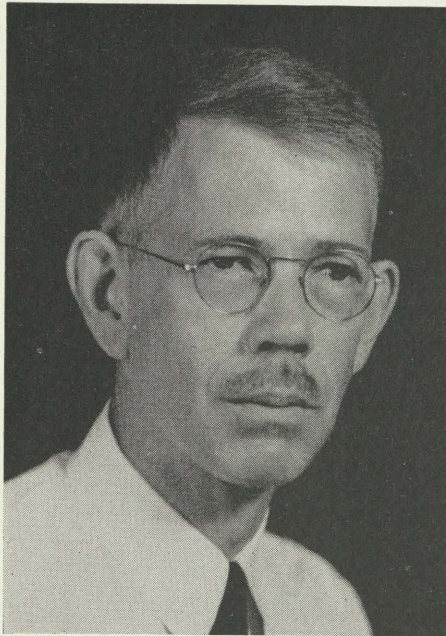
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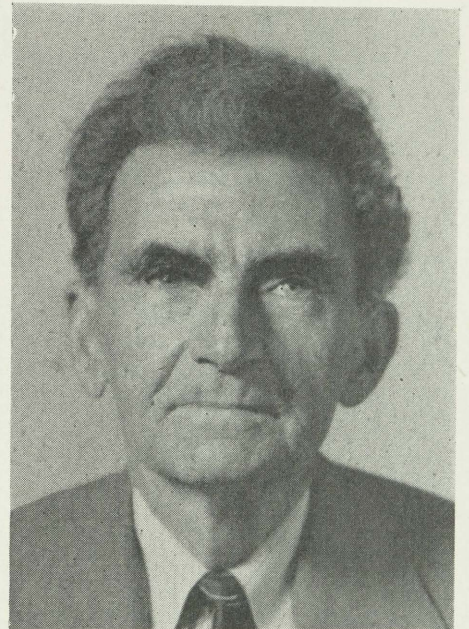
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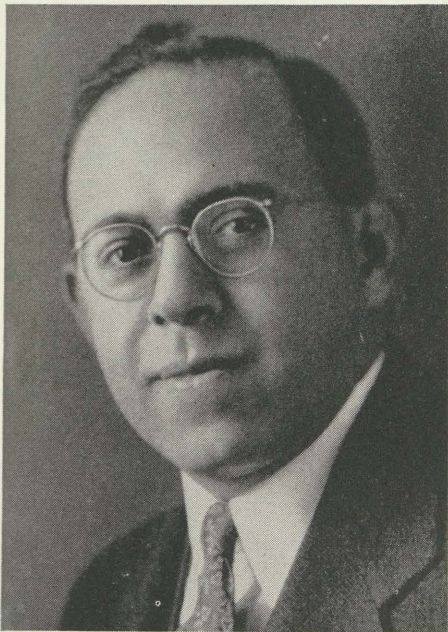
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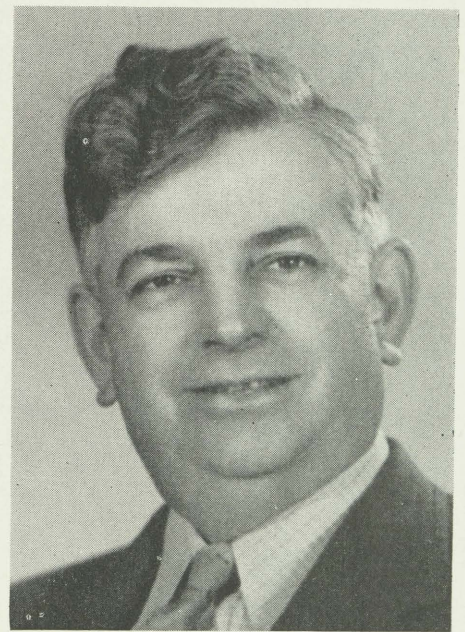
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Florida Industrial Laboratories, Clermont.

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Dr. Ralph A. Morgen, professor chemical engineering, College of Engineering, University of Florida.

Earl W. Brown, Florida State manager, Smaller War Plants Corporation, Jacksonville.

E. W. Colledge, general manager, Southern Pine Chemical Company, Jacksonville.

Dr. R. S. McKinney, chemist, U. S. Tung Oil Laboratory, Gainesville.

John L. Heid, senior chemist, U. S. Department of Agriculture Food Research Division, Winter Haven.

Dr. L. G. MacDowell, research director,

State Citrus Commission, Lakeland.

Dr. B. A. Bourne, chief of agricultural research, U. S. Sugar Corporation, Clewiston.

G. H. Blackmon, horticulturist, College of Agriculture, University of Florida.

P. L. Melroy, nurseryman and cryptogamia expert, Laurel.

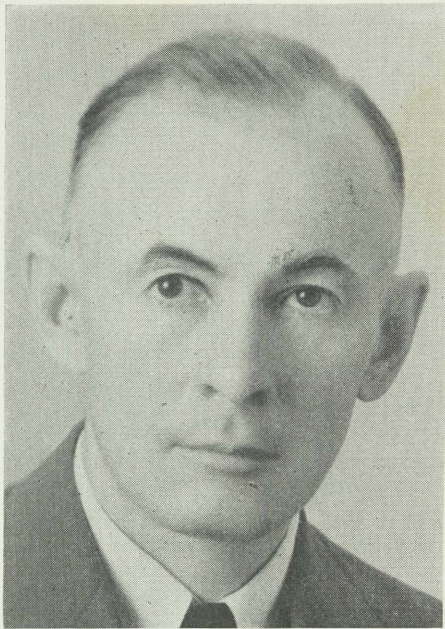
C. C. Commander, general manager, Florida Citrus Exchange, Tampa.

"These men are ready, anxious and willing to help local communities and industries prepare for action now and in the days to come," said Walter C. Sherman, Panama City, president of the State chamber in making his official announcement. "If Florida fails to use the abilities assembled in this

division, it will miss a golden opportunity to assure its sound future development."

Activities of the division have already started and the group is now subject to service for any community or industry in relaying their managerial and technical experience to those needing it. Although the division cannot give any industry any individual program it is prepared to advance information basic to its product.

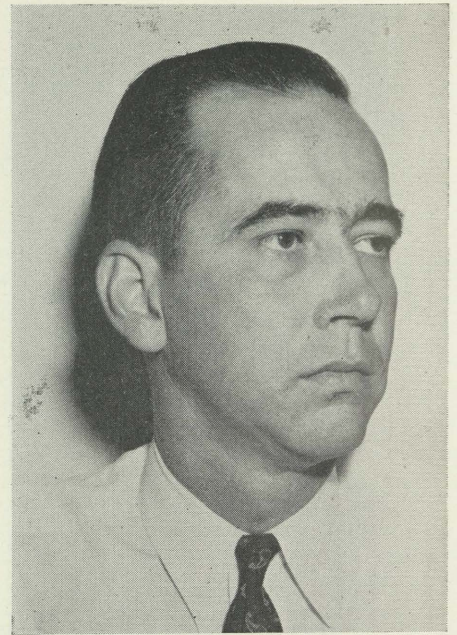
"Information compiled by the division will be authoritative and accurate and will enable us to intelligently present to industries coming to Florida and to those already here which do not know the potentialities of our State the information they will need," said Chairman Campbell.



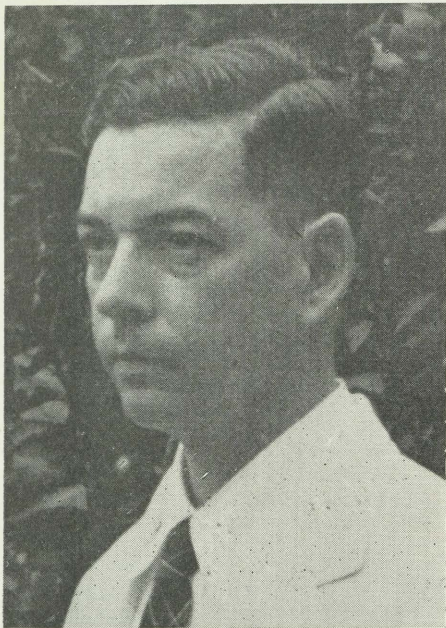
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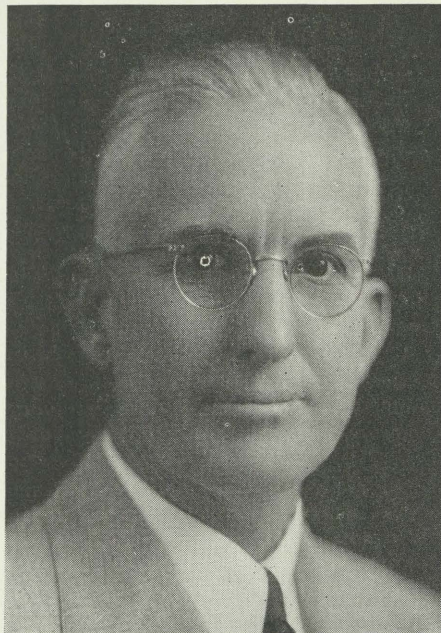
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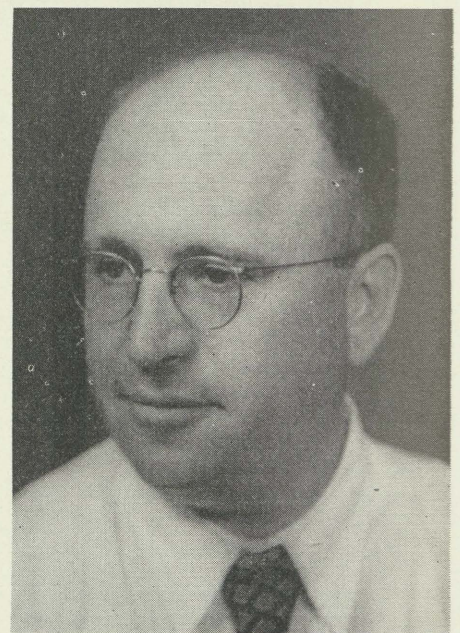
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Member

The compilation of information now being assembled by the division will be divided into two parts, according to Executive Vice President Colee. The first will deal with general State information regarding the advantages of locating manufacturing plants in Florida. The second part will be devoted to pertinent information on counties and cities to enable them to choose the most advantageous location within Florida for their particular type of industry. This information, coupled with the State chamber's new industrial directory, will make an excellent tie-up for the division to work on a constructive basis.

The division will cooperate with the State Planning Board, the Florida League of Mu-

nicipalities and individual counties and cities which are now organizing to take advantage of every possible chance for new industries when the war is won.

In relation to the post-war planning necessity, the research division of the State chamber recently presented the following review:

"1. War production. In Florida war production is principally in shipbuilding, which accounted for almost one-third of 1942's manufacturing payroll and will probably account for one-half in 1943. How long the country's present shipbuilding program will continue is in the laps of the war gods but it obviously will not go over into the post-war years in anything like its present vol-

ume." To date few practical suggestions have come forward for post-war utilization of Florida yards, with their some 60,000 workers, at more than a very small fraction of their total capacity.

"2. Armed services training. The suddenness with which the new 'tourist' can depart the State was illustrated during the last four months by the army's cancellation of almost 200 hotel leases. The period of expansion in total armed service facilities is over, though local changes will continue to be made. A definite decline, with consequent losses in trade and service industries, is now a matter of weeks rather than months.

"3 Agriculture. A record volume, at a
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Thursday Jonah Day For Crashes . .

REPORTS OF THE Department of Public Safety division of the Florida Highway Patrol for July show a 27 percent decline in highway deaths for the first seven months of the year. For the month of July they showed a 10 percent decrease under July of last year.

Twenty-seven persons were killed on the highway in July this year compared to 30 for the same month last year, bringing the total killed this year to 226 as against 310 for the same period last year.

Despite the fact that travel is restricted due to gasoline shortage the number of accidents reported in July, 394, was 19 percent over the number reported in July last year, 321, but the total for the seven-months period, 2,516, was seven percent under the number, 2,700, for the same period last year.

The largest percentage of accidents in July happened between 5 and 7 p. m. Thursday was the "Jonah day" with a total of 83 of the 394 accidents. Saturday was second with 68, Friday third with 62, Sunday fourth with 56, Monday fifth with 46, Wednesday sixth with 44 and Tuesday last with 35.

In 97 of the July accidents (18 percent) the drivers had been drinking. In 86 accidents (16 percent) the drivers were exceeding the speed limit of 35 miles an hour. Other causes were given as: Failure to yield right-of-way, 79; wrong side of road not in passing, 76; disregard of sign or signals, 73; exceeding safe speed, 42; inattention or reckless driving, 36; improper turning or failure to signal turn, 18; following too closely, 16; driver fatigued or asleep, 9. Nine of the deaths during the month were attributed to exceeding the speed limit.

Where defects in the condition of vehicles figured in accidents, 15 crashes (40 percent) were caused by defective brakes, nine were caused by defective lighting, five by blow-outs, four by worn-smooth tires.

Thirty-eight percent of accidents involving pedestrians happened at intersections, 25 percent when pedestrians crossed not at intersections, 10 percent when pedestrians came from behind parked cars.

In July accidents 102 service men were involved in 78 crashes in which four service men were killed and 28 injured. Five civilians were killed in these same accidents.

Duval County led in the number of accidents, 125, during July against 56 reported for the same month last year. Five persons were killed in that county. Dade County showed an increase in the number of accidents in July this year, 77, compared

to 48 last year. Orange County also showed an increase, 38 this year against 13 last year. Hillsborough County bettered its record during the month, showing but 31 accidents

against 47 for the same month last year. Escambia and Bay Counties, also scenes of much war activity, both bettered their records over the same month last year.

Send Him Gifts For Christmas; Here Are Rules For Mailing To Our Fighting Men in Battle Zone

OCTOBER 15 IS the deadline for mailing Christmas gifts to men in the armed services overseas. Packages may be sent after that date only on written request from the soldier specifying the articles enclosed. That would lose the Santa Claus effect.

Rules for sending Christmas packages overseas follow:

The parcel must not exceed five pounds, and must not be more than 15 inches in length or 36 inches in length and girth combined. It should be marked "Christmas parcel" so that it may be given special attention to assure its arrival before Dec. 25.

Not more than one parcel may be mailed in any one week to the same member of the armed forces by or in behalf of the same mailer.

The parcel must be well and strongly packed in a container of metal, wood, strong fiber board, or similar material, then wrapped in strong paper and tied with twine. The cover should be such that it can be opened for censorship. The contents should be packed tightly.

Perishable goods, such as fruits that may spoil, are prohibited.

Intoxicants, inflammable materials such as matches or lighter fluids, poisons and anything that may damage other mail also are prohibited.

Gifts enclosed in glass should be substantially packed to avoid breakage.

Sharp instruments, such as razors and knives must have their edges and points protected so that they cannot cut through the coverings and injure postal personnel or damage other packages.

Since the armed forces are being plentifully supplied with food and clothing, the army and navy recommend against these gifts.

Addresses must be written clearly and completely. In addition to the return address of the sender, a parcel for an army man should show the name, rank, army serial number, branch of service, organization, army post office through which the parcel is routed. A typical address for an army man:

Private John R. Doe (army serial number)
Company F, 167th Infantry
A.P.O. 19, c/o Postmaster
New York, New York.

The address on a parcel for a navy man should include the name and rank or rating of the addressee, the naval unit to which he is assigned and the navy number assigned thereto, or the name of his ship, and the fleet post office through which the parcel is routed. A typical navy address:

John M. Jones, seaman first class, U. S. Navy
Naval Air Station
Navy 199 (One nine nine)
c/o Fleet Post Office
San Francisco, Calif.

WATCH FOR OIL LEAKS

After the crankcase has been drained and refilled, it will pay the motorist to look under the car before taking it from the garage the next morning. The drain plug may not have been tightened completely, or the threads may have been damaged enough to permit the lubricant to leak.

PEOPLE

DR. PAUL TEMPLE BUTLER, 85, a practicing physician for nearly 60 years, 20 of them in Orlando, retired Sept. 1. During his practice he attended more than 350,000 patients. A native of Pennsylvania, he practiced in Iowa and Michigan before coming to Florida.

CARLTON BAILEY HURST, 76, who served as American consul general in many cities abroad, died recently in Miami.

VICTOR J. GRABEL, Nationally known band director, has joined the faculty of John B. Stetson School of Music. He succeeds John J. Henry who resigned to enter the Navy. He has been editor of the band and orchestra department of Etude and guest conductor of the Sousa, U. S. Navy and U. S. Army bands.

C. HOWARD ROWTON, Palatka, recently celebrated his 20th anniversary as State adjutant of the American Legion.

THOMAS KEEGAN, a resident of Anastasia Island, started something when he offered \$25 reward for a dog-poisoner. The reward was upped to \$100 by subscriptions of the St. Augustine Humane Society, St. Augustine Record and Record Press. Seven dogs had been poisoned, the culprit still at large.

EARL W. BROWN, erstwhile head of Florida National Exhibits, now promoting small war industries, pointing to the fact that Florida stands first among Southeastern States in industrial war production, recently told a Palatka Kiwanis Club that plans should be made to hold these plants for peace production after the war.

PAT M. MOODY, Plant City, last month sold a Walker fox hound for \$1,250. A short time later he tried to buy the dog back for \$1,500 but J. E. White, Spartanburg, S. C., the buyer elected to keep the dog, which has won high honors in field and on bench.

JOHN H. PERRY, Palm Beach and New York, recently added the Ocala Evening Star and the Ocala Morning Banner to his string of Florida newspapers. They will be combined and published as an afternoon newspaper. Perry owns the Jacksonville Journal, the Pensacola News and Journal and the Panama City News-Herald.

GEORGE W. LEAIRD, Hollywood, a member of the State house of representatives from Broward County, has reported for indoctrination as a lieutenant (jg) in the Navy.

REV. JOSEPH P. HURLEY, DD., bishop of the diocese of St. Augustine, presided recently at services in St. Augustine in honor of the patron saint of the Americas. The feast of St. Rose of Lima was observed by solemn services in the oldest Catholic parish in the United States.

D. P. McKINNON, Jacksonville, head of the land department of the Florida Power and Light Co., recently returned from a business and vacation trip to the Mid-West and North Carolina. He was a representative in the North Carolina legislature (Robeson County) about 20 years ago.

MRS. VESTLE TURNER, who went to Tampa from California when her husband, Lt. Herman W. Turner was sent to MacDill Field to complete aviation training, took a job as a welder in the Tampa Shipbuilding Company yard when her husband was transferred overseas. About the time she became a full-fledged welder her husband took part in a bombing raid over Berlin.

HUGO L. BLACK, supreme court justice, in a recent address to graduates (his son was one of them) of the officer candidate school of the Army Air Forces at Miami Beach, said "the interdependence of the nations of the world is more than a theory; it is a vital fact which affects the lives of every one of us."

MRS. JONATHAN M. WAINWRIGHT, whose husband, the U. S. general is held a Japanese prisoner, recently sponsored the Liberty ship Victor Hubert, launched at the Wainwright Yard in Panama City.

SAMUEL ZURBUCHEN, who died in Fort Pierce in 1942, left \$3,500 to be used to provide hot lunches for undernourished children attending Fort Pierce schools, it was announced last month. The fund will provide \$100 a month for hot lunches for four terms.

COL. PERCY L. WALL, formerly a Duval County deputy sheriff and a native of Jacksonville, has been made commander of Fort Hancock, N. J. He enlisted in the Army in 1920 as a private.

ABRAHAM MERRITT, 59, editor of the American Weekly, died recently at Indian Rocks Beach (near St. Petersburg) while on a Florida vacation.

MRS. CARRIE MILLER, 90, who arrived in Miami recently after a 5,887-mile Clipper plane flight from Buenos Aires, plans to fly around the world as soon as the war is over, an ambition stopped by the outbreak of global hostilities.

MULFORD B. FOSTER, internationally known botanist of Orlando, warns of an unidentified caterpillar now preying upon Florida azalea plants. They have a large brick-red head with light yellow-green and black-striped bodies and they are death to azaleas.

GEORGE F. CARY, 76, retired Portland, Me., banker and for years overseer of Bowdoin College, died recently at his Mount Dora home.

COLIN O'MORE, who has been Columbia Broadcasting Company vocal talent su-

pervisor in New York, has accepted the post as dean of the School of Music of Southern College, Lakeland.

MARJORIE KINNAN RAWLINGS, author of "Cross Creek," sued by Miss Zelma Cason, Gainesville social worker, for alleged defamation of character in her novel has been cleared of the charge by Judge A. H. Murphree at Gainesville. The novelist, Mrs. Norton Baskin in private life, also wrote "The Yearling" and other books.

WILLIAM R. BUCHANNAN, 84, former publisher of the Brockton (Mass.) Times and a resident of St. Petersburg for 21 years died there Sept. 3.

DR. B. F. ASHE has resigned as regional director of the WMC to return to the presidency of the University of Miami. "I'm not mad at anybody," he said, "I just feel the university needs me."

EDWARD O. SCHWEITZER, dean of boys and science at a Miami high school has been dismissed because he is a conscientious objector opposed to bearing arms in war.

MARY CHURCHILL, daughter of Winston Churchill, British Prime Minister, expressed amazement at the size of the American (Continued on page 30)

OPA Suggests Speed Penalties To Ration Boards

What happens to motorists convicted of speeding over 35 miles per hour is still up to each individual ration board handling the case.

But OPA has suggested a "penalty list" for boards, as follows:

FIRST VIOLATION:

36 to 40 miles per hour, 10 days' suspension of ration book.

41 to 50 miles per hour, 30 days' suspension.

51 to 69 miles per hour, 60 days' suspension.

SECOND VIOLATION:

36 to 40 miles per hour, 15 days' suspension.

41 to 50 miles per hour, 60 days' suspension.

51 to 69 miles per hour, 180 days' suspension.

70 miles per hour and over, one year.

Subsequent violations: A minimum of six months' suspension.

One of the definite results of the gasoline rationing program is the increase in safe driving.

FLORIDIANS OUT FOR VICTORY . . .

COL. BENJAMIN STERN, Tampa, has been awarded the Legion of Merit for "exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service" in the organization and training of air warning service and training school.

★ Lt. John P. Boulware, Fort Barrancas, has been awarded the Legion of Merit for "untiring efforts and thoughtfulness in the details of his work" in "many varied problems."

★ Ens. Ralph Hollis, West Palm Beach, who died in the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor has been honored by the naming of an escort vessel for him. The craft was recently launched at Orange, Texas and christened by his widow.

★ Corp. Robert O. Tener, Miami, was among 300 officers and enlisted men recently receiving the Distinguished Flying Cross. It was for participation in operational air flights aggregating more than 200 hours of exposure to enemy fire.

★ Staff Sergt. Earl T. Wright, New Smyrna Beach, has won his first bronze oak leaf cluster to his Air Medal as a member of an aircraft crew in Northern Africa for "outstanding services reflecting highest credit on the military forces of the United States."

★ Tech. Sergt. Charles L. Mallory, Jr., Tallahassee, has been awarded the Air Medal for operations as a member of an airplane combat crew in North Africa.

★ Major Roland M. Wilcox, Delray Beach, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for more than 50 combat missions over Burma, Indo-China and China. In one flight over an airdrome in China he shot down three and probably two other Jap planes.

★ Col. Clarence E. Burpee, Jacksonville, an ACL terminal superintendent in peacetime, who has been running trains in North Africa has received the Legion of Merit award for outstanding service. He is commanding officer of a railway grand division in the war zone.

★ Corp. Dudley J. (Dud) Sommerkamp, USMC, St. Petersburg, has received the Purple Heart medal from Maj. Gen. A. A. Vandergrift. Although assigned to driving a jeep, Sommerkamp spent most of his time fighting, taking part in the assault on Gavutu Island and later on Tulagi and Guadalcanal before being wounded in the face.

★ Milton S. Saslaw, Miami, has been promoted from captain to major in the Alaska Defense Command.

★ Florida air fighters helped to destroy three Jap transports, a destroyer and between 12 and 20 enemy planes in a recent action in the harbor at Wewak, New Guinea. Among Floridians who took part in the action were Staff Sergt. Billy H. Smith, Key West, gun-

ner; Staff Sergt. Arnell Thurman, Miami, gunner; Lt. Donald Latham, St. Petersburg, pilot. All were credited with one or more planes in addition to sinking the surface craft.

★ First Lt. Harold M. McClelland, Avon Park, and First Lt. Seaborn H. Chiles, Orlando, were among 23 Southwest Pacific pilots awarded Distinguished Flying Crosses for participating in 50 or more operational missions against the Japanese.

★ Major Louis N. Dosh, Ocala, son of the editor of the Ocala Star-Banner and a 1938 graduate of West Point, who fought with the Filipino Scouts on Bataan is alive and in a Japanese prison, according to first word heard from him in more than a year.

★ Six Florida fliers are gambling their lives with the now famous Blackjack Fighter Squadron, which, at last hearing, had a total of 60 Jap planes to its credit, 28 of them downed in one month. This does not count probables which were not actually seen to crash. The squadron is commanded by Lt. Cmdr. Charles H. (Whitey) Ostrom, Miami. Lt. (jg) John Carlos Cleve Symmes, Lake Wales, is top scoring pilot with 5½ Japs to his credit. Lt. (jg) O. L. Dauphin, Bowling Green, has one, Ens. G. H. Davidson, Lake Como, one, and C. B. Melton, Jasper, has a probable. Lt. Earl Spaulding, Pensacola, is the medical officer of the squadron. The squadron, which flew Grumman Wildcats, saw its first action on June 15 over Guadalcanal and took part in the New Georgia invasion and other Solomons activities. In their first action the Blackjacks downed 32 Japs with a loss of two pilots.

★ Sergt. Edmond W. Wiseman, Tampa, saw his two and one-half year old son for the first time the other day. He has been abroad, mostly in Guadalcanal, and had just been invalided home with malaria. An Army cook, he said he obtained his fish supply on Guadal by tossing a hand grenade into a river.

★ 2nd. Lt. Jack G. Thompson, Fort Pierce, a Flying Fortress flier serving in the South Pacific has been awarded a Silver Star for action in a raid on Rabaul.

★ Auburndale, with a population of 2,814, has sent 311 of its residents—more than 11 percent—to the armed services. Mayor Corneal says: "Match that!"

★ Master Sergt. Virgil Galloway, Tallahassee, a crew member of Jabbo, the Sky King, one of three bombers recently returned to the States from the Mediterranean war zone is now touring the country with his plane. The three Marauders have a combined bag of eight Axis ships, 16 fighter planes and three subs.

★ Lt. Frank J. Hubka, USMC, Pensacola, was one of eight Marine fighter pilots who tangled recently with 20 Mitsubishi bombers and 50 Zeros over Munda. He got two.

★ Jane Bunker, West Palm Beach, and Doris Butler, Live Oak, are among Red Cross workers recently reported as arriving in the Mediterranean war zone.

★ Master Sergt. Gordon Hadlow, Tavares, recently won the Legion of Merit decoration in Cairo, Egypt.

★ Lt. William P. Parrish, USMC, Umattilla, 23, won a presidential citation and a promotion in rank when he volunteered single-handedly to attack a Jap task force in the Solomon Islands area. He scored a direct hit on a Jap transport. The presidential citation reads:

"For heroism and extraordinary achievement in aerial flight while serving with a Marine aircraft group in the Solomon Islands area in combat against enemy Japanese forces on October 15, 1942.

"Volunteering to make an individual dive-bombing attack against an enemy task force of ten destroyers and five transports, Lieut. Parrish, with great skill and determination pressed home his attack and despite heavy anti-aircraft fire from ship and shore-based guns scored a direct hit on a transport and then returned safely to his base here.

"His courage, perseverance and exceptional airmanship were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval service."

★ Walter Mayberry, Daytona Beach, former University of Florida football star, now a first lieutenant in the Marines flying a Corsair fighter plane over Munda, ran his string up to four certain and one probable recently. He and 15 of his flying pals jumped an enemy fleet of 60 to 70 aircraft over Vella Lavella island sending at least nine and probably 11 of the Japs down in flames. Mayberry was high scorer in the action, with three of the toothy gents to his credit.

★ Col. Warren N. Wildrick, Tallahassee, Capt. Charles T. Boyd, Jr., Jacksonville, and Warrant Officer John H. White, West Palm Beach, are serving with the U. S. Air Service Command in the China-Burma-India area, which is handling the logistical end of the fight in that theatre. Nine-tenths of this war depends on supplies, and this outfit is bringing them half way around the world to feed men and send bombs to the Japs.

JOHN E. BALLENGER DIES AT LAKE LAND

John E. Ballenger, 59, founder of the construction company of Lakeland bearing his name, died at a Lakeland hospital Sept. 12 following an appendectomy.

A native of Virginia, Ballenger came to Florida in 1911 and became assistant commissioner of public works for the city of Jacksonville. He left the State in 1917 to engage in naval construction at Hampton Roads, Va., and returned in 1922 to become general superintendent of the William P. McDonald Construction Co., with headquarters at Orlando and later at Tampa.

He founded the Ballenger Construction Company in 1930 and handled many large highway and airport construction contracts in Florida and other Southern States.

With County Commissioners

JOHNS CHESTNUT, of the Pinellas County commission is chairman of the board of directors of the war bond sale in central Pinellas. The district has never failed to pass any quota assigned it by the U. S. treasury.

■ West McCormick street in Gainesville has been closed by order of the city commission at request of the Alachua County board which administers the Alachua County hospital. McCormick street running east from Seventh street ends at the rear of the hospital and its closing will facilitate the hospital nurses home project being sponsored by the county board.

■ Volusia County commissioners have made an appropriation of \$1,000 for the enforcement of the anti-wild hog law in the fifth district. Incidentally, a suit has been started in circuit court to test the legality of the 1941 Florida law which relates to cattle running at large.

■ Hillsborough's budget board has declined to earmark funds for post-war airport improvements, although it has assured the Tampa Chamber of Commerce that funds will be available should they be needed.

■ Washington has approved State Road 17 from the intersection of Memorial Highway into Pinellas County for improvement, according to word to the Pinellas commission. Materials will now be made available as the strip is deemed a military necessity.

■ Volusia County board has allocated \$1,200 of its health fund for special training for nurses to deal with cases of infantile paralysis.

■ District Forester C. L. DeVane announces that the Hillsborough board has approved the placing of 4,509 more acres of wooded land in the county under fire protection.

■ County Commissioner Lunnie Barnes, Okaloosa, is one of the community's best watermelon growers. He obtained fancy prices for 80 recently marketed in Crestview.

■ Polk County commissioners have arranged for the distribution of mole cricket bait. W. Paul Hayman, county agent, will handle distribution.

■ Hillsborough commission recently refused a permit for the use of county roads for moving a house until the contractor had furnished a picture of the dwelling, description and appraisal. The action was taken in defense of areas which have better dwellings.

■ Palm Beach board has set up \$15,000 for the use of post-war planning committee with promise of more when the organization proves itself. Steps are being taken toward getting a director for the movement.

■ A. J. Dunham, member of the DeSoto commission for three terms and representative of the county in legislature for the last two sessions, has announced his candidacy for State senator from the 27th district. He is publisher of the Arcadia Independent.

■ Broward County is saving \$5,000 in its new budget which has already been approved.

Tax collections for the last year were 99 percent perfect.

■ Bradford, Collier, Gulf and Union Counties collected 100 percent of their tax rolls for 1942. Twenty other counties have less than 1 percent delinquency and 10 others have less than 2 percent delinquency.

■ Hardee County strawberry growers will receive dolomite from County Agent E. H. Vance, as a result of action of the county board.

■ Henry W. Smith, 73, prominent in Charlotte County affairs for more than 40 years and a member of the county board died in Punta Gorda August 25. Both of his sons are in the armed services.

■ Salary raises for teachers accounts for an increase of \$23,000 in the Hillsborough budget, although the millage has been lowered under last year.

■ Bradenton almost got out the band to welcome a carload of asphalt, ordered eight or nine months ago and just received after strenuous efforts of Chairman J. T. Knight of the county commission.

■ N. H. McQueen, who has been with the extension department, has returned to Charlotte County as county agent.

■ Volusia County board is cutting its new budget to \$496,404, as compared to \$620,291 for the previous year.

■ Manatee County commissioners were congratulated by the Bradenton Herald on their lowered budget and lowered millage. "Chairman Knight and his board have done a pleasing job," says the Herald.

■ Palm Beach County board has authorized construction of another 1,000 feet of spur track at the port, making storage track space 3,500 feet. This will accommodate about 80 railroad cars.

■ St. Johns County has terminated the lease on lands between low and high water marks on beaches of the county, contending that holes dug in the sand by the lessee constitutes a hazard to driving, bathing and recreation on the beaches.

■ H. H. Bailey, St. Johns County commissioner and extensive potato grower recently visited Washington for conferences in regard to the food production program.

■ St. Lucie County housewives, with the help of Mrs. Jeanne Gibbon, instructor in charge of canning classes have put up 22,243 cans of foodstuffs, according to report to the county commission. Canning operations will get underway again soon.

■ Broward County taxpayers will save \$15,000 for the new year, according to the budget adopted by the commission.

■ Sheriff Howard Mayes of Escambia County has asked for a ruling on the disposition of revenue from the cigarette tax. He contends that the money should go into the fine and forfeiture fund while his county commission has placed it in the road and bridge fund.

■ Polk County board is among others which has contributed to the fund to test

the tax certificate procedure law. The case will determine how the clerk of circuit court and county commissioners will proceed on the 1941 tax sale certificates on which taxes are unpaid on July 7, 1943. Chapter 22079 of the laws of 1943 provide that the property list be prepared by the circuit court clerk within 90 days and that an equal length of time may elapse before foreclosure proceedings by the county commissioners.

ANNUAL MEETING STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The annual meeting of the Florida State Chamber of Commerce will be held in Miami Beach on December 6-7, Walter Sherman, president of the organization announced at Panama City.

The following committee to nominate successors to directors of the State chamber whose terms expire during the current year was named by President Sherman: M. J. Foley of Foley, district I; A. B. Dooley, Jacksonville, district II; J. Edwin Baker, Umatilla, district III; John Rhodes, St. Petersburg, district IV; and Leonard K. Thomson, Miami, district V, and chairman of the committee. Elections will be made at the annual meeting.

The following resolutions committee for the meeting was also announced by Sherman: Peter O. Knight, Tampa, honorary chairman; J. A. Griffin, Tampa, chairman; Carroll Lindsey, Lakeland; McGregor Smith, Miami; Mayor Sam D. Fitzsimmons, Fort Myers; W. A. Shands, Jacksonville and Gainesville; Blaine B. Barber, Daytona Beach; Dr. E. G. Peek, Ocala; J. P. Walker, Jacksonville.

EXPANSION OF NURSES' TRAINING PROVIDED

Expressing her gratification that two Florida hospitals will share in the sum allocated from Washington for expansion of nurses' training schools to accommodate enrollees in the U. S. Cadet Nurse Corps, Miss Ruth Mettinger, chairman, State Nursing Council for War Service, and director of the Bureau of Public Health Nursing, State Board of Health, declared recently that it makes training possible for "just that many more" Florida girls.

The hospitals reported receiving financial help to enlarge their training facilities are the James M. Jackson Memorial, Miami, and St. Vincent's, Jacksonville.

Girls considering entering the corps this fall should contact at least three hospitals for general information about enrolling for the coming term.

The Marion Contracting Company of Ocala, submitted the low bid of \$289,406 to the State Road Department for constructing seven bridges and surfacing 13 miles of Road 79 between Bartow and Lake Wales in Polk County.

Hold The Line, Says Holland . . .

COLLAPSE OF THE Holland tax equalization surely will follow abuse, according to Governor Spessard L. Holland who is urging Floridians to hold the line against inflation of taxes by local governments.

"Behind the collapse of taxing power in Florida in the 30s," said Governor Holland, "was not crooked officials but those, elected every two or four years who were eager to please their public."

This eagerness to please took two courses, he said.

"First, there were the taxing officials, confronted with good, well-intentioned people pleading for money for one special cause or another.

"Then, there was the tax assessor, wanting to be reelected and believing any increase in tax bills would be reflected in votes against him.

"Naturally there developed a race to see whether taxing agencies could pile on millage faster than the tax assessor could reduce the value of the property."

Governor Holland said the resultant failure to collect taxes in the years before the 1941 legislature restored full-value assessments was not entirely due to the people's inability to pay.

"Lots of people didn't pay, not because they were without the money," said the governor, "but in protest against what they considered to be exorbitant levies."

Some property owners realized, too, that mass failure to meet tax obligations, said Governor Holland, would result in the legislature enacting tax forgiveness laws—to the detriment of those who had paid.

Discussing school budgets which have been presented for State approval (county budgets will arrive later), the governor indicated he felt citizens sometimes must be protected against themselves.

While some of the budgets contained increases which brought no protest at public hearing at home, Governor Holland said:

"The fact that increases may seem acceptable to the people back home doesn't mean the budgets do not contain the elements of ultimate collapse."

Many an otherwise well-informed business man, said the governor, does not know how to interpret a governmental budget.

"In one west coast county, for instance," said Governor Holland, "the over-all budget is about the same as last year.

"Yet, actually, the direct cost of operating the schools is 60 percent higher than in 1940-41, the budget concealing this through combining operating and debt service needs.

"That's just kidding the public."

The governor said he recognized the difficulties in which school authorities found themselves in the years of tax delinquency and their natural desire to get squared away in these days when the Federal tax burden was so great that local taxation seemed light.

"I know the school people have terrible problems and I want to be sympathetic," said Governor Holland, "but I don't want

to break down the system which has been so beneficial to the schools.

"I don't want them to stack on a load which will put the schools back where they started when property disappeared from the tax roll."

NAVAL AIR CHIEF PRAISES COOPERATION

Rear Adm. A. C. McFall, new chief of naval air operational training, recently praised Florida's cooperation with the Navy program of turning out 30,000 combat pilots each year.

"Most of our activity is in this State," the admiral said, and "the spirit of the people here clearly shows that they realize their part in this undertaking of ours."

Admiral McFall, who has headquarters at Jacksonville, was in Tallahassee to make an official call on Governor Holland.

"I was delighted to meet the governor. Under his direction, Florida has given the Navy every cooperation in its program."

PRISON POPULATION DROPS IN AUGUST

Florida's prison population continued to drop during August, with a net loss of 56 prisoners—mostly by parole or expiration of sentence—between the first and last days of the month.

The prison division reported the total number of State convicts on August 31 was 2,582.

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FLORIDA COMPETITION AFTER CLOSE OF WAR

"One certain war result will be the opening up of hitherto unheard of resort lands, and full-grown competition to Florida of areas like Mexico, Brazil and Alaska," said J. Saxton Lloyd, newly appointed chairman of the Florida State Chamber of Commerce advertising committee and Daytona Beach motor-car dealer at Daytona Beach.

In announcing Lloyd's appointment President Walter C. Sherman of the State chamber declared:

"Sam Lloyd is no dreamer. He sees Florida as every investor sees the State, that only sound merchandising principles will sell the State's industrial and agricultural products and vacation wares. He is thoroughly schooled in these principles. To help activate his ideas we have given him a group of strong committeemen. No point in the world, when this war is over, will lie more than 60 hours from any airport. We are asking the State chamber's advertising committee to take this technological development of the war into consideration in formulating the committee's recommendations.

At a recent State chamber board meeting held in Daytona Beach, Lloyd, in addressing its members, said: "I can think of no undertaking which would benefit the State more than an intelligent and aggressive advertising program—one designed to exploit Florida in all its phases. A lot of effort may be necessary if public interest is rallied to the support of such a program but the time to begin is now."

Lloyd declared that the annual per capita cost of an aggressive resort advertising campaign to Floridians would amount to no more than the price of a pack of chewing gum. "That's a trivial sum," he added, "and it is my judgment that for each penny thus spent Florida would get back, probably as much as a \$10 bill."

Lloyd will have working with him, according to Sherman, "such men as Edward Ball, Florida capitalist; Leonard K. Thomson, Miami's mayor and hotelman; M. C. Talley of Lakeland, manager of a chain of theatres; Adrian E. Langford of Pensacola, chairman of that city's municipal advertising board; Harold R. Davis, president of the Florida Association of Realtors, Miami Beach; Russell Kay of the Florida News Service of Tampa; Earl W. Brown, Florida National Exhibits general manager and now State manager for the Smaller War Plants Corporation; C. D. Davenport, executive director of Tallahassee's Chamber of Commerce, and Carl Hanton of Fort Myers, editor and publisher.

There will be additions to the committee, Sherman announced, "just as soon as Chairman Lloyd lays his initial plans."

Lloyd is expected to call his committee together early in October. "I hope," the chairman said, "that we can impress our sincerity upon the people of Florida. What we will propose will be in the public's interest. Florida's post-war era could see our trade 'going by the board,' most assuredly, unless advertising action is taken at an early date."

UNIVERSITY OFFERING POLICE TRAINING COURSE

Dean B. C. Riley of the general extension division of the University of Florida has announced the first police training course for law enforcement officers of Florida, the first in the Southeastern States.

The course is designated to facilitate the establishment in every county of trained reserve auxiliary police units which will be available to Florida sheriff and police departments for any type of emergency which might arise.

The course will be given by the university, and sponsored by the State Defense Council of Florida and the Florida Peace Officers Association.

The program will be available to in-service personnel and recruits of the regular law

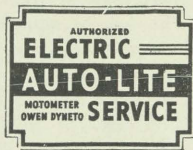
enforcement agencies and to the auxiliary police of the various defense councils under qualified lecturers.

Classes will be held in the various communities to enable men to receive training without losing time from their regular occupations.

Gen. Albert H. Blanding of the State Defense Council has designated Col. R. W. Milburn of West Palm Beach, to assist in the work of organization.

W. H. Robinson, secretary of the Florida Peace Officers Association will supervise the classes for the university, Dean Riley said, a leave of absence from the Gainesville police department having been granted him for this purpose.

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FIRST SALE COUNTY ROAD-BRIDGE BONDS

First sale of county road and bridge refunding bonds, although a small one proved the wisdom of Governor Holland in proposing, the 1941 legislature in passing, and the people in ratifying, the gasoline tax amendment to the State constitution.

The State Board of Administration on Sept. 14 sold four of bonds totaling \$1,043,000 to refinance old road and bridge of Hillsborough, Pinellas and Sarasota Counties. It was the first complete refunding since the people turned all road and bridge debt retirement problems over to the board in the November general election.

The new constitutional amendment pledges two cents of the seven cents tax on each gallon of gasoline to retirement of county road and bridge bonds for the next 50 years.

The supreme court has ruled when refunding bonds are issued by the State board to refinance road and bridge debts of counties the property taxing power of the counties also can be placed behind the new bonds.

With these two guarantees to back the bonds, Governor Holland and other State officials have said they expect to offer securities so attractive to investors that much lower interest rates may be obtained by refundings.

On the biggest block, \$721,000 of Hillsborough County bonds, the interest rate on the obligation was cut from five percent to two and a quarter percent—and the apparently successful bidder offered a premium of \$2,451.40 to get them at the low rate.

Prices in line with that were offered for the three smaller issues.

Governor Holland, commenting that "these are the first bonds sold in the State since reconstruction days that have had the State back of them," said he was "much pleased" with the bids.

"I think we will see lower rates than these, though," he declared. "This is the first sale, and only one of the blocks was large enough to attract very many bidders."

Twenty-five bond concerns, many of them from other States, put in bids for the securities.

No interest rate higher than three percent was offered for any of the bonds.

MORE WOOD NEEDED IN THE WAR EFFORT

Florida's farmers, who already have stepped up their output of food, have been called upon to make a major contribution toward providing wood needed for the war effort.

There is a critical need now for lumber, logs, pulpwood and other forest products to meet military and essential civilian requirements, said L. T. Nieland, farm forester with the State Agricultural Extension service.

"Before the war one-third of the Nation's forest products came from 139,000,000 acres of commercial farm woodlands," he commented.

"War Food Administration officials have stressed the fact that it is necessary now for

farm woodlands to furnish a larger part of the total National requirements.

"It is planned that counties where substantial acreages of farm woodlands exist will be designated for participation in the program to obtain more wood.

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PREPARING FOR POST WAR FLA.

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record price, boosted Florida farm income to almost unbelievable heights in the season that closed July 31. Duplication of that record volume in the season just opening is contingent upon, among other things, weather and labor supply, and can by no means be assumed as a matter of course. Prices are now under consideration but indications are that they probably will not average much, if any higher, under the administration's plan to cut back the cost of living.

"Many of our municipalities are completing splendid public works programs to take up the post-war employment slack, but this, while admirable does not supply more than a temporary solution to the problem. Our industries must be equally alert to the need and make their plans for a permanent solution."

A recent compilation shows that more than 80 Florida Chambers of Commerce are heading up city and county programs of post-war activities. These programs will take up the slack for some 300,000 soldiers and defense workers who will be thrown out of employment by the end of the war and some of them will provide permanent employment.

It has been pointed out that the 10 years following victory can be the period of Florida's greatest growth and prosperity, providing that sound plans are made now for community and industrial development.

Almost every Chamber of Commerce in the State now has an active post-war committee at work. While development programs for individual cities vary with the needs and potentialities of the community, basis objectives are common to all; civic improvement, designed to aid tourist attraction and to make the community a better place to live; increased advertising and tourist promotion; development of manufacturing to provide an industrial backbone for the community; promotion of agriculture in the surrounding territory to expand the purchasing power of the city's trading area.

It also has been pointed out that post-war planning is not confined to individual cities. Some counties, Pinellas is an outstanding example have set up a formal county-wide planning group and legislative steps have been taken to provide funds for post-war projects, including industrial expansion. Other boards of county commissioners have been active along the same line and are showing the way to post-war expansion. To all of these the data compiled by the New Industries Advisory Division of the State chamber is available.

Many a car owner could increase his gas mileage if he would have the air cleaner on his motor serviced. A dirty cleaner chokes the carburetor intake, causes poor performance and excessive gas consumption.

NEEDED REPAIR PARTS FOR TRUCK OWNERS

H. E. McDaniel, district ODT manager in Jacksonville has announced that Florida truck owners and operators will receive assistance in finding needed repair parts during the growing season from specialists in the district ODT offices.

In addition to spreading the greatly expanded flow of new parts scheduled for production, the maintenance specialists have access to the lists of interchangeable parts used in many types of trucks and will undertake to locate needed parts through ODT specialists in other cities through parts makers and through the cooperation of the War Production Board.

They will also assist truck owners through the local channels offered by the industry-wide membership of local district maintenance advisory committees and subcommittees, McDaniel explained.

Through the cooperation of members of the local committees, more than half of the local parts shortages reported to ODT to date have been relieved locally.

ODT pointed out that although materials assigned to parts manufacturers have been greatly increased, there is still a big problem

in getting particular parts to the areas where they are most needed.

It is in locating needed parts in other areas where they may be available that the local maintenance specialist can be of real help, McDaniel said.

To prevent avoidable lay-up of trucks, operators unable to find needed parts are urged to get in touch with the local maintenance specialists at the district office of the ODT.



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FLORIDA REAL ESTATE CLIMBING SHARPLY

The value of Florida real property has appreciated sharply in the last two years, the research division of the Florida State Chamber of Commerce declares. Increases ranging from 15 to 50 percent are general throughout the State.

The last twelve months have seen not only a sharp increase in value but also the most active market since the days of the "Florida boom." The Miami area, long the State's most important real estate market, reported real estate sales of \$13,333,573 during the first seven months of 1943, an increase of 91 percent over sales of \$6,990,487 during the same period of 1942 and almost a million and a half dollars more than total sales of \$11,855,535 during the whole of 1942. Real property sales in the Tampa area during 1943 have practically doubled the 1942 volume. Jacksonville and other areas report much the same story, the review said.

Four major influences have contributed to the increase:

1. The purchase of real estate for investment, as a hedge against inflation. The general belief in Florida's continued growth and development in the post-war years has drawn many investors here.

2. Currently high farm incomes plus purchase of smaller farm properties as a hedge against possible post-war depression and unemployment have been forcing farm real estate values up for two years. The Bureau of Agricultural Economics index of farm values in the south Atlantic States registered 127 in March 1943, a gain of 16 percent over the 1941 mark of 110. The index is unofficially estimated at a figure showing a gain of 25 percent currently. Florida farm and grove properties, reflecting income from fruits and vegetables relatively much higher than from staple field crops, having increased much more than this average for all Southern States.

3. Housing shortages in war production centers have inflated the value of residential property.

4. A large but to date unestimated number of service men and their families, first brought to Florida by the war are purchasing property on which to make their home after the war.

The current real estate market is based on substantial cash transfers and is not expected to reach the proportion of the "bind-er" boom of the twenties. A readjustment of values after the war may be expected, however, when normal building can eliminate shortages and farm income declines.

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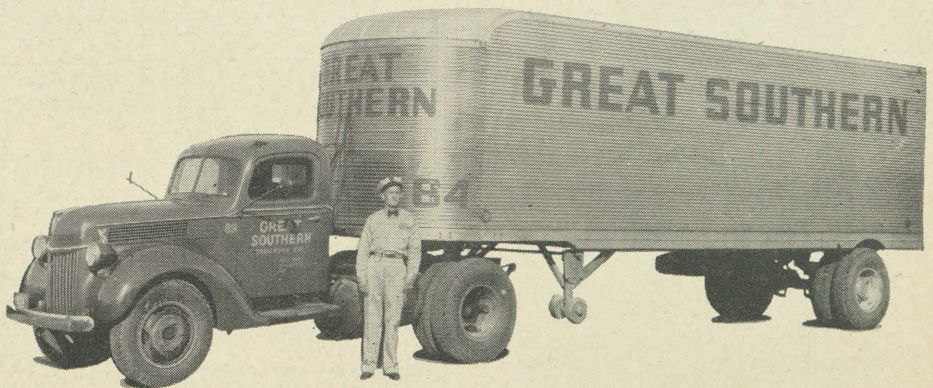
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EIGHT NEW MEMBERS TO U. OF F. STAFF

Eight new members have been appointed to the instructional staff of the University of Florida according to announcement by Dr. John J. Tigert, president. The appointments which have received approval by the Board of Control follows:

Dr. Kleim Alexander, instructor in chemistry, formerly at Alabama Polytechnic Institute; R. E. Gettig, instructor in physics, from West Point Preparatory School; Warren S. Higgins, instructor in physics, formerly in physics and electrical engineering here.

Dr. W. R. Smith, instructor in chemistry, formerly at Lewis Institute, Chicago, and 15 years a member of the Illinois board of food standards; John S. Telfair, Jr., assistant professor of civil engineering, a graduate of University of Florida who has been with the U. S. Engineers at Jacksonville since June 1942.

George W. Muhleman, instructor in chemistry, for many years head of the department of chemistry at Hamline University, St. Paul, Minn., who holds a doctor of science degree from University of Geneva, Switzerland.

George E. Remp, assistant professor of mechanical engineering, a Florida graduate who has been in the engineering department of the Florida Power & Light Company several years; Frank S. Montgomery, instructor in mathematics, formerly at Hanover College, Hanover, Ind.

Expansion in another war activity here has brought back E. E. Bailey, a member of the teaching staff who has been on leave of absence during two years service in the U. S. Navy.

Honorably discharged, he will become laboratory technician in a Federal research project.

ALUMNAE SECRETARY RESIGNS POSITION

President Doak S. Campbell of Florida State College for Women has announced the resignation of Miss Dempsey Creary as secretary of the College Alumnae Association and the appointment of Miss Louise Gehan of Tallahassee, as her successor.

Miss Creary will return to her home in Miami, where she will take an executive position with the Dade County Girl Scout organization.

Miss Gehan, who is permanent president of the college class of 1938 has been

for several years a field worker with the State Episcopal diocese, department of education. Her appointment is effective October 15.

At the end of the student registration for the new college year, Dr. Campbell also announced appointment of 26 new members of the faculty to fill vacancies created by resignations.

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FOURTH ESTATE

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ing his editorials to individuals, salutes Governor Holland and Secretary of State Gray in a recent issue, commending the chief executive for his appearance one hot day without coat or vest—in shirt sleeves.

"Perhaps you gave the occasion little reck, with never a thought that you were making history, establishing precedent, freeing all State officialdom from the thralldom of the coat," says Colonel Clearwater to the governor. "But that is what you did and grateful officials and employes the State over speak of it now as the Conquest of the Coat Day.

"On no less authority than your Secretary of State it can be said that you are the first governor to discard the summertime coat. Mr. Gray should know, since he has been connected with the State government in one capacity or another for thirty years.

"Mr. Gray describes his reaction to the spectacle of a coatless governor thus: 'It was terribly hot in Tallahassee. Governor Holland doffed his coat and I figured that if the chief executive could be informal I could do no less.'

"Far and wide went the gladsome tidings with the result that today a coated State official or employe is as conspicuously absent as was once the coatless."

ORANGE PRODUCTION SHOWS SLIGHT DROP

Orange crop conditions as of Sept. 1 showed a slight drop compared to a year ago, according to the U. S. Agriculture Department—72 percent compared with 74 percent.

The 10-year average (1932-41) was 71 percent.

For California the percentage was 80 against 73 a year ago. The condition of the Texas crop was estimated at 73 percent, off two points from a year ago, and for Arizona it was 82, up to 12 points from last year.

For the country as a whole the condition was estimated at 77 percent, four points ahead of last year.

The condition of grapefruit was reported at 62 percent, against 70 a year ago.

Florida's grapefruit condition was estimated at 59 percent, down nine percent from a year ago, while that of Texas, chief competitor was 60 percent, against 75 a year ago.

Arizona's crop was placed at 85 percent, up from 50 last year, and California's at 80 percent, compared with 73 a year ago.

For Florida tangerines, the estimate was 49 percent, down sharply from last year's 76.

The indicated acre yield and total production, based on September conditions, for other Florida crops included:

Corn, 10.5 and 7,780,000 bushels; peanuts, 800 and 108,800 pounds; tobacco, 915 and 14,914,000 pounds; sweet potatoes, 67 and 1,742,000 bushels; sugar cane, 28 tons and 924,000 tons; pecans, 4,368,000 pounds.

ALL CITIZENS MUST SHOW RESPECT TO FLAG

Attorney General Tom Watson has ruled that children in Florida public schools who have religious scruples against saluting the flag cannot be required to do so, but can be compelled to stand at attention while others salute.

Watson gave his opinion in response to a question from School Superintendent T. Frank McCall of Bronson, on what action he should take with a child who is a member of Jehovah's Witnesses and refused to salute and give the pledge of allegiance to the flag in a school patriotic program.

The attorney general referred to a U. S. supreme court ruling that children with conscientious religious scruples against saluting could not be forced to salute.

However, he said, since the supreme court decision was handed down, both the State legislature and congress have passed laws which provide that "civilians will always show respect to the flag when the pledge is given merely by standing at attention, men removing the headdress."

"I regard the flag salute in schools as a highly desirable ceremony," Watson said.

"You undoubtedly may require the child to show full respect to the flag by standing at attention while the salute and pledge are being given; and on failure to do so, you may discipline the child, even to the point of suspension."

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PEOPLE

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can WAC training center at Daytona Beach on a recent visit there.

WILLIAM M. MADISON, prominent Jacksonville attorney and attorney for the League of Municipalities has been chosen a member of the board of directors of the Jax community chest to succeed the late William B. Bond.

MRS. MIRIAM POWERS, 71, who wrote "The Widow of Four Marys," died in Winter Park recently.

F. F. FITCH, president of the Florida Crushed Stone Company, Jacksonville, and LAURENCE F. LEE, president of the Peninsular Life Insurance Company, Jacksonville, have been named to the foreign commerce and the public domain policies committees, respectively, of the United States Chamber of Commerce.

F. H. CORRIGNA, Bradenton, has been elected president of the Florida State Poultry Producers Association.

R. P. FULLER, who has been selling tickets for the ACL in Jacksonville for 25 years has been awarded the system's 25-year medal. It is estimated that he has answered 250,000 foolish questions.

DR. and MRS. R. R. JOINER of the Alachua community celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary September 2.

PETER BRADLEY, 72, brother of Col. E. R. Bradley, noted Palm Beach sportsman, who directed the recent USO drive in Fort Lauderdale died in that city Aug. 30.

H. V. APPEN, general manager of the J. A. Jones Construction Company, builders of ships at Panama City has been elected a vice president of that company and placed in charge of all construction. The home office is in Charlotte, N. C.

DAVID E. SMILEY, president, has called the fall meeting of the Associated Dailies of Florida for Jacksonville November 19-20.

MAJOR WILLIAM R. THOMAS, 77, Gainesville hotel owner and civic leader, died Sept. 10 in the University City. He was for

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six terms mayor of Gainesville and is credited with much of the work which resulted in the university being established there.

FACAKIS ALEVANDRIS, elderly cripple who operates a coffee shop at the sponge exchange in Tarpon Springs turned in \$37.-20 toward a fund to buy four cases of cigarettes sent to soldiers in North Africa and Australia by the Fernald-Millas post (Tarpon Springs) American Legion.

PROF. LEROY SMITH, former instructor of business administration in the University of Oklahoma, will head the new income tax course of the University of Tampa.

LEON S. JONES, Belle Glade, and TERRANCE RILEY MYER, Homestead, have been awarded United States Sugar Corporation scholarships in the University of Florida. They amount to \$500 per year for four years and are given in honor of the late U. S. Senator Duncan U. Fletcher and the first United States Senator from Florida, James D. Westcott, Jr.

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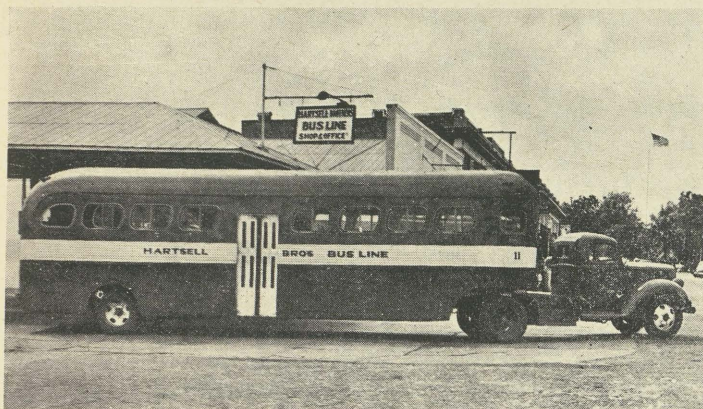
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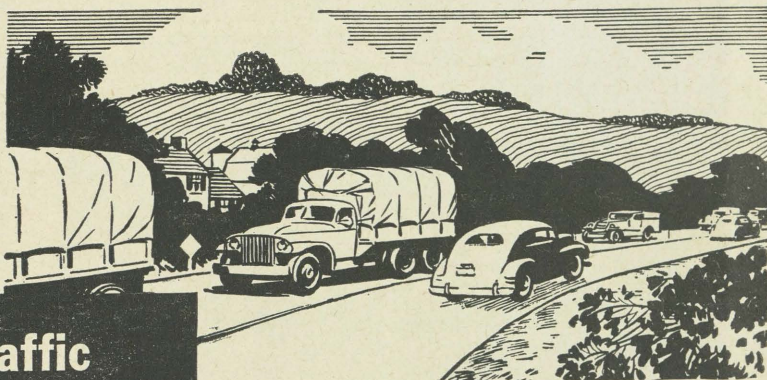
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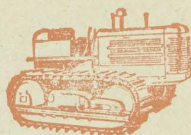
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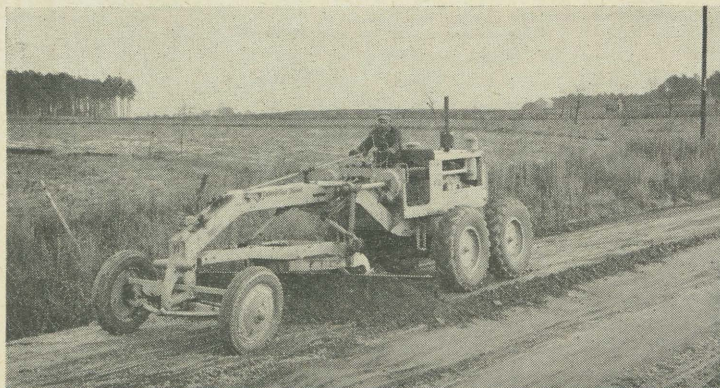
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